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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: R. Skurtveit, et al. Group Art Unit: 1617
Serial Number: 09/673,168 Examiner: S. Sharareh
Filed: November 28, 2000
For: Ultrasound Contrast Agent

Response to Office Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2002, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response three months from November 21, 2002, to and including February 21, 2003.